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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing on Persian Gulf for House Appropriations
           Committee, Survey and Investigative Staff

1.   On 6 January 1984, John Goedtel and Charles Bolz of
the House Appropriations Committee, Survey and Investigative
Staff, were briefed by DI analysts on threats to the
viability of Persian Gulf States.   They also inquired about
the local receptivity to establishment of US staging
facilities in the region for the US Rapid Deployment Force
(RDF).   25X1

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2.   NESA analysts   25X1
                       covered questions pertaining to the Persian
Gulf.   Mr. Goedtel and Mr. Bolz were primarily interested in
the regional response to a Soviet invasion of Iran--a worst
case scenario constructed by DoD.   The analysts discussed
the logistical problems the Soviets would encounter in such
a campaign and suggested possible responses for Saudi
Arabia, Iraq, and other neighboring states should it occur.
The analysts deferred to SOVA for comments on the likelihood
of a Soviet invasion of Iran.   There was also discussion of
the domestic situation in the Gulf states and inter-state
relations.   25X1

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3.   ALA analysts
briefed on Somalia and Kenya where the US has established
access agreements for the RDF.   discussed   25X1
Somali-Ethiopian relations and indicated a large-scale
attack was not likely in the near term.   She also explained
the positive Somali reaction to US military aid and to a US
presence in the area.   provided political   25X1
and economic background on the regime in Kenya.   She noted
Kenya's sensitivity about its pro-Western image, and
indicated it was unlikely that Kenya would agree to any
extensive staging facilities for US forces.   25X1

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3. Prior to their travel to the region under discussion, Mr. Bolz and Mr. Goedtel plan to return to headquarters for a briefing on Soviet intentions toward the area. I agreed to set up such a meeting the week of 23 January 1984.

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